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SUBJECT: CONTROVERSY CONTINUES OVER SA TOUR BY
BRITISH RUGBY TEAM

1. AN ISSUE WHICH SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS FREQUENTLY HAS BEEN GIVING MORE PROMINENCE TO THAN TO GENERAL ELECTION IS WHETHER BRITISH LIONS RUGBY TEAM WILL COME TO SA AS SCHEDULED THIS YEAR. THIS IS BUT ANOTHER ILLUSTRATION OF HOW IMPORTANT SPORTS ARE TO SOUTH AFRICANS, MANY OF WHOM LONG FOR FULL RESUMPTION OF INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION. THUS IT IS THAT A RESOLUTION BY SONNY LEON'S LABOR PARTY TO ASK BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND BRITISH RUGBY AUTHORITIES TO STOP THE LIONS' TOUR, BECAUSE THIS WOULD "CONDONE THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S APARTHEID POLICIES," WILL CAUSE CONSIDERABLE HEARTBURN HERE.

2. RESOLUTION, PASSED THIS WEEKEND AT LABOR PARTY'S ANNUAL CONGRESS AT PORT ELIZABETH, STATED THAT "NO POSITIVE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TOWARDS NON-RACIAL SPORT AT CLUB, PROVINCIAL OR NATIONAL LEVEL BASED ON MERIT SELECTION," AND THAT SAG "HAS NO INTENTION OF ALLOWING MIXED SPORT."

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